

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROCLAMATION**

RECOGNIZING

Lewis County Disaster Preparedness & Lewis County Alert Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Lewis County has experienced natural and technological disasters in the past and remains vulnerable in the future:

WHEREAS, everyone in the county should prepare themselves to be as self-sufficient as possible for at least 3 to 5 days following an act of terrorism, natural or technological disaster; and

WHEREAS, advance preparation, planning, and training reduces incident recovery time, mitigates risk and saves lives. Every hour spent on preparation saves nine hours in the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, proclaiming October as "Lewis County Disaster Preparedness & Lewis County Alert Awareness Month" will bring a heightened awareness and encourage residents, business and local government to prepare themselves in an "all hazards manner" to be self-sufficient and knowledgeable about the risks we face; and

WHEREAS, the loss of both life and property can be greatly reduced if the citizens have available information provided over the NOAA Weather Radio and Lewis County Alert systems; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the statewide "Drop, Cover and Hold" earthquake drill on October 20th, 2016 at 10:20 AM, individuals, neighborhoods, schools businesses and organizations will have taken steps to prepare before disaster strikes; thereby, saving lives, reducing injuries, mitigating loss to property and speeding up the recovery process; and

NOW THEREFORE; we, the members of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 20th as:

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in Lewis County and encourage all citizens to increase their self-sustainability during emergency situations along with developing increased awareness of the emergency alert systems within Lewis County.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 3rd day of October 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

P.W. Schulte, Chair

ATTEST:

Gary Stamper, Vice-Chair

Clerk of the Board

Edna J. Fund Commissioner